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Dalton and Grimes win

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New co-presidentsDalton and Grimes announced their victory at five this morning, after 10 hours ot ballot counting.

protest after disqualification

at the court house

Dalton and Grimes	821 votes
Huggins and Lavigne	234 votes
Calliari and Fata	171 votes

BY MARK BROOKER

After a year of legal battles and election disputes, Philip Dalton and Lana Grimes won the CUSA co-presidential elections with 67 per cent of the vote.

At 5 a.m., Grimes walked out of the ballot-counting room and announced that she and Dalton had won with 821 votes. Piper Huggins and Brad Lavigne were a distant second with 234 votes, followed by Edouard Calliari and Santo Fata with 171 votes.

Grimes and Dalton said they hadn't expected the race to be so one-sided.

"I was sure that Piper and Brad had more support than that," said Grimes, "After a year, and especially the last month, it doesn't seem real yet.

"And of course it's not over yet, the hard work is just beginning. But students have voted for change and that's what they're going to get."

Dalton added, "We won by an overwhelming margin but the turnout was extremely low, which to me is a sign that students are tired and fed up."

Defeated candidate Piper Huggins congratulated the winners and said she accepted the decision of students. But she was not optimistic about the future of student government.

"I'm not sure there will be a CUSA next year," said Huggins. "Dalton and Grimes want to turn CUSA into something like CASA—they've stacked the board of directors and they'll be able to do whatever they want. But now there is no one putting students first—the administration won't do it and Dalton and Grimes don't have a progressive agenda either."

Chief Returning Officer Lilyana Petrovic said the ballot-counting took 10 hours because the counters and supervisors were very cautious.

"There won't be any controversy about the totals this year," she said.

Dean of Students Brian Counihan was present throughout the night and said he was also satisfied that the count this year was above reproach.

Dalton and Grimes have spent much of the past year fighting over elections. They went to court to challenge the results of last year's vote but lost.

Last month, they were disqualified for statements made in their csampaign flyer "A New Beginning."

The CRO ruled that statements about other candidates violated CUSA electoral regulations. Students voted for CUSA co-presidents before reading week but that election was nullified by the CRO due to "voting irregularities." A rescheduled vote was then postponed by CUSA's board of directors.

Then two weeks ago, a superior court judge reinstated Dalton and Grimes, calling the disqualification "too harsh."

The co-presidential vote was postponed another week so Dalton and Grimes could be put back on the ballot. CUSA elections this year have cost close to $20,000.

The injunction putting them back on the ballot could be overturned. But Grimes thinks it unlikely, considering the margin of their win.

"We want to sit down with the people involved and try to reach a friendly agreement. It's time to put the fighting behind us and get to work," she said.

back on the ballot

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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info. at our office, room H-649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5pm Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, March 19

Lecture: Dr. Evelyn Styan, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Concordia, to speak on "Existential Expressions, 'There is, There are' and Locative Expressions." 7:30pm, H-920. Presented by the Modern Languages and Linguistics Students' Association.

Saturday, March 20

Demonstration: end the violence and discrimination directed at lesbians and gay men in Québec. 1pm, in front of the Hydro Québec building, corner of St-Urbain and René-Lévesque. Info: the Lesbian and Gay Community Centre, 528-8424.

Sunday, March 21

"Gens du pays: the Chinese of Québec." The screening of a new video by William Ging Wee Dere and Susan Lebrun. Exploring the Chinese community and their relationship to the Québecois community. At the Goethe Institute, 418 Sherbrooke East. Info: 861-5244.

Monday, March 22

Adults with Learning Disabilities, general meeting to discuss group development, mandate, and elections. 7-9pm, at the Fraser Hickson Institute library, 4855 Kensington, in NDG. Info; 467-4018.

Tuesday, March 23

Video screening. "I Lease Wombs, I don't sell babies." An inquiry into surrogate motherhood, and "Born to be Sold," the strange case of Baby S/M. At the Goethe Institute, 418 Sherbrooke East, at 6pm and 10pm (2 screenings of both videos). Suggested donation of $3. Supported by the Concordia Status of Women, Cinema Libre, and the Permanent Review Committee on the Status of Women, Faculty of Fine Arts, Concordia.

Routes Out of Racism Workshop. At 2-4pm, at the YWCA, 1355 René-Lévesque blvd., West. Info: 866-9941.

Panel discussion: "NAFTA: The North American Free Trade Agreement Will Affect You." 7pm, in H-110. Presented by Q-PIRG and the Social Justice Committee. Info: 848-7585.

GENERAL

Election Fever is taking over Concordia! The Queer Collective is having its general elections on April 2, 1993. To participate, call 848-7414 or drop by their offices on the second floor of the P-annex, 2020 Mackay.

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AIDS hotline: CSAM (Comité SIDA Aide Montréal) 282-9991.

ACCM (AIDS Community Care Montreal) is offering a support group for HIV positive heterosexual men. The group meets twice monthly and offers support and information to men living with HIV through discussion, films, and guest speakers. No cost, and child care can be arranged. Although the group is run in English, Francophones are welcome to attend. Info: Robin Forbes, 939-0075.

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WOMEN

Single Moms support group: at the Concordia Women's Centre. Fridays, 1-2:30pm, 2020 Mackay downstairs. Call to confirm attendance with Jackie (leave a message) 848-7431.

Montréal Sexual Assault Centre, 24 hour crisis line: 934-4504.

HIV+ women and Women living with AIDS: the centre for AIDS services of Montreal provides info Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm, 1168 Ste-Catherine W, suite 202. Info: 954-0170.

Volunteers needed at the Centre d'Action SIDA Montréal (Femmes) 1168 Ste-Catherine O, suite 202. Info: 954-0170.

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GENERAL

Lecture, followed by Q&A period, entitled "Islam, Religion of Peace." By Abdullah Idriss, Principal Islamic School of Toronto. Date: Sat., March 20th, 1993. Time: 2:30-4:30pm. Place: Hall building, auditorium (H-110). Sponsored by the Muslim Students Association.

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Gays and lesbians fight to save community centre

BY MARIA TRATT

You can hear the coins reverberate as they hit the bottom of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center's donation box. No one has contributed any bills to muffle the sound. Nor is anyone lining up at the Center's door which faces east on St. Catherine St. in Montreal's Gay Village.

With their bills paid up only until the end of the month and the termination of the various work programs scheduled for as early as Saturday, the GLCC is threatened by an untimely closure. The programs are the Center's only means to pay its six part-time employees.

La Table de Concertation des Lesbians et des Gays du Grand Montreal, an affiliate of the GLCC, and its innovative new project, the Committee on Violence, set up last November to help fight against gay and lesbian bashing, would also come to a halt if the Center were to close.

But more importantly, according to Elizabeth Neve, one of the GLCC's many volunteers, would be the elimination of the only voice and support mechanism for most of the city's homosexual population.

"There's no other center like ours in the city, not even in the rest of the province," said Neve. "Where would people go to talk, to feel at home?"

Since its opening in 1989, the Center has never received funding from any government agencies. The logic behind this is that the Center does not have any full time employees.

PHOTO BY MARCO LA LICATA

"We're caught in between a rock and a hard place," said a frustrated Neve. "We don't receive any grants because we don't have any full time employees, but we'll never have any if we don't get the means to pay them."

If the Centre were to close, a situation it is trying desperately to avoid by appealing to the MUC for funding, it could not come at a more inopportune time.

La Table de Concertation is currently engaged in hearings with the Human Rights Commission in the hopes of obtaining an investigation into the murders of two gay men last December. It is also attempting to educate the Commission on the discrimination against gays and lesbians in Montreal and across the province.

The group is also lobbying to have the gay and lesbian community recognized as a minority with all the legal and financial benefits.

Neve is one of three members mandated to represent the Committee on Violence at the hearings.

"It's amazing," said Neve. "They (the Commission) didn't have a single bit of information on us."

The Committee has submitted over 500 pages of complaints and at a press conference yesterday, Roger Le Clerc, a member of the GLCC told reporters that at a meeting last Wednesday the Commission had finally recognized the discrimination against gays and lesbians and is planning to mount an investigation into the complaints.

However minister of justice Gil Remillard has refused to answer calls and letters from the group.

Neve is also responsible for improving relations with the MUC police, namely station 33, which is responsible for patrolling the streets of the Village.

Last Monday the Committee met with Alain St Germain, police director of the SPCUM, Michel Baudin, director of station 33 and one other officer to discuss the frequent raids being made on saunas and bars in the Village.

The meeting also helped finalize plans to use the GLCC as the place where gays and lesbians could file harrassment and other complaints.

"Gays and lesbians feel very uneasy going to station 33, they'd rather go home and forget it," said Neve. "But that's not something you can forget and this way they won't have to."

Innitially the meeting went well, but promises by the police rang hollow, only 12 hours later they performed yet another raid on the Oasis, a sauna in the area.

Leclerc said the raids have increased since the committee began its dealings with the MUC last December.

Regardless, Neve and the rest of the GLCC refuse to let anything get in the way of keeping the Center alive.

"We're too unique and important," said Neve. "We're the backbone of this community."

Apart from call-in counselling and referals offered by the GLCC, it has two on-staff psychologists to help deal with the community's many HIV sufferers and young people. The Center also offers courses in English, Spanish, dancing and cooking as well as hosting such social events as tea dances and bingo nights.

A march is planned for this Saturday at 1:00 pm beginning at the Hydro Quebec offices on the corner of St Urbain and Rene Levesque Blvd.

The march will end up at the Center, 1355 St Catherine east, where they will be hosting a fundraising dance from 3:00 pm to 3:00 am. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

For more information contact the GLCC 528-8424.

Mohawks denounce commission's "assumed jurisdiction"

BY DEBBIE HUM

The federal commission on aboriginal rights is "hypocrisy" because the government has no jurisdiction over aboriginal people, an elder of Kahnawake charged Wednesday.

Stuart Myiow Sr., elder of the First Nations Iroquois Confederacy, told three members of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People that roundtable discussions on aboriginal issues ignore the natural rights of aboriginals

The three commissioners—retired Supreme Court Justice Bertha Wilson, Quebec Court of Appeal Justice René Dussault and former president of the Native Council of Canada Viola Robinson—got an earful at a panel discussion sponsored by the McGill University Faculty of Law.

"We (Mohawks) have a great law, a constitution, which you people have taken from us," Myiow said.

> "You are my tenants whether you like it or not."

"You have no right to legislate any laws over our people whatsoever. Our lands are not yours to be assumed.

"You are my tenants, whether you like it or not."

The royal commission was created in August 1991 with a three-year mandate to listen to the social, economic and cultural concerns of aboriginals. It has already heard from 1,461 presenters during 93 days of hearings since last spring.

But Myiow said the commission is overriding aboriginal rights by presuming the federal government has jurisdiction over natives.

"We didn't invite you here and we didn't naturalize you. You are phony Canadians," he said. "Come down and speak to the true traditional people."

Justice Wilson said the commission is looking into the problems aboriginals face and will recommend changes to the federal government, including changes to the justice system.

"You don't need to tell us there are gross inequalities between the standard of white Canadians and native Canadians," said Wilson. "We are asking ourselves: can the existing system be adapted (to the needs of aboriginals) or will it be necessary to make a whole new system?"

Wilson said there is "no reason either the federal or provincial government could not create a separate justice system for aboriginals."

But she added that not all aboriginals want their own system.

"Many native women are having second thoughts about self-government. They want the protection of the Charter of Rights because of the prevalence of family violence," said Wilson. "But native men feel western values are not the values of native people and want an aboriginal charter rather than adopt the existing one."

> It may be necessary to apply different justice systems in different provinces.

Justice Dussault, who is co-chair of the commission, said two rounds of public hearings across the country show there are differing views on aboriginal rights.

He also said the issues vary from province to province: people in British Columbia were concerned with land treaties; aboriginals in Saskatchewan talked about urban issues; people in Quebec spoke of language and culture.

Robinson said this panel is different from previous commissions on aboriginal rights because for the first time, the majority of commissioners are aboriginal. Four of seven commissioners are aboriginal.

Robinson said it will be hard making changes to the system when there is no consensus on the issue but said she is optimistic.

It may be necessary to apply different justice systems in different provinces to accommodate the diverse aboriginal groups, she said.

The third round of public hearings is scheduled to begin in Montreal on May 3.

McGill newspaper apologizes

200 students protest anti-semitism in 'comment'

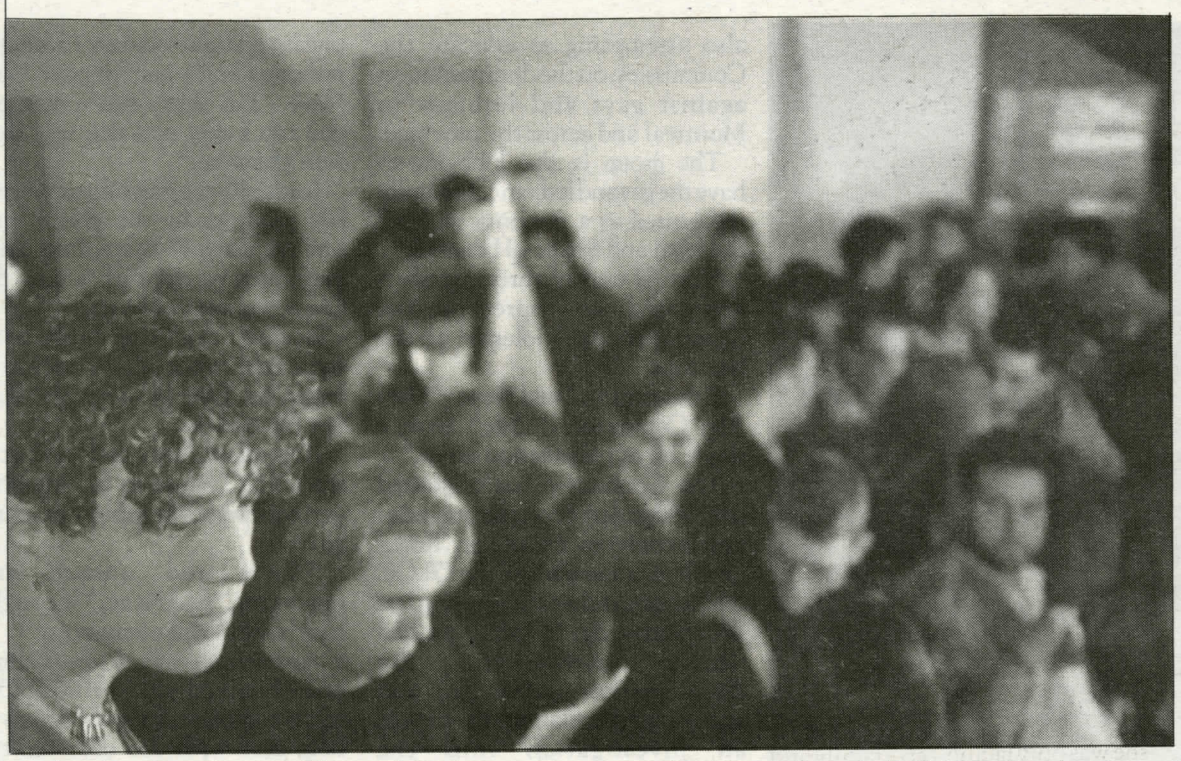

PHOTO BY PAUL JESZENSZKY

Students gathered in McGill's student centre to protest racist commentary in *Daily's* anti-racism issue.

BY PAUL S. JESZENSZKY

A student newspaper at McGill will publish an apology after the university's Jewish students charged an opinion piece in Monday's issue was "virulently anti-semitic."

More than 200 students showed up for a two-hour sit-in outside the McGill Daily's offices yesterday to protest an anti-Zionism story which ran in the paper's anti-racism issue. The demonstration was organized by the Jewish Students Coalition, an umbrella group of Jewish associations at McGill.

The story, titled "Zionism and Racism, Myth or Reality," said Israelis use their religion to "dispossess the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine and deny those who remain fundamental rights." It was written by McGill's Palestine Solidarity Committee.

Dan Robins, coordinating editor of the McGill Daily, admitted the opinion piece was anti-Zionist.

"The most obvious problem with it was the denial of anything like a Jewish identity without any real argument for it," Robins said. "(The Jewish students') main point was that it was racist—which I think is undeniable.

"I should have read it more carefully. It's unfortunate that it happened."

In a five-hour meeting with Jewish students last night, the Daily's editors drafted an apology for the opinion piece. They apologized for using the word Zionism "in ignorance of its full meaning" and for the "implicit delegitimization of the idea of Jewish unity

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Board of Governors Briefs

Capital campaign excludes labs

Concordia's next capital campaign is in the works and at last Wednesday's meeting, the Board of Governors was presented with the latest draft of the university's plans for the money.

Although the money is still no more than a gleam in vice rector finance Maurice Cohen's eye, there are concerns the university's needy science laboratories are being left out of future spending plans.

At the meeting, chemistry chair Robert Pallen called Concordia's science laboratories outdated and expressed frustration that no money is earmarked for repairs or upgrades of the lab equipment.

Rector Patrick Kenniff told the board plans for the capital campaign money could still evolve.

"I understand that it is not the kind of thing that you go up to the public with and say 'help us upgrade our labs,'" Pallen said after the meeting. "That just doesn't carry the same kind of 'oomph' that's necessary to get people to donate.

"At the same time it's a big need."

Employment equity at Con U

Also on the governor's agenda was a revised employment equity policy.

There were concerns about the wording of the policy and that consultation on the policy did not include enough input from some groups.

Student Governor Charlene Nero said there should be a student representative on the consultative committee working on the university's employment equity policy.

Faculty Governor Henry Habib said certain minority groups, such as native people in the Concordia community, also had to be consulted.

Employment Equity Coordinator Kathleen Perry said, "I've had quite a bit of consultation with the community but what I was hearing this morning was I need to do more."

Perry said she hopes to bring the policy back to the board for approval in two months.

In other business, the board refused to discuss CUSA and its election woes until all the ballots are counted.

—Ita Kendall

Panelists say misconceptions about AIDS still common

BY JENNIFER DITCHBURN

"If a ball of wax melts on a woman's vagina, she is HIV-positive."

That's just one of the myths AIDS worker Bill Ryan hears on the job. And at a panel discussion before 30 students at Concordia Wednesday night, representatives from Montreal AIDS organizations said although more than 10 years have passed since AIDS entered the world scene, misconceptions about the syndrome persist.

"It's still hard in Montreal in 1993 to get proper sex education and HIV education in schools," said Ryan, coordinator of pyscho-social services at McGill's AIDS Centre and a Ville Marie social worker. "People still think if you teach a 16-year-old about condoms they'll be encouraged to have sex."

Ryan said young people need HIV education before they're sexually active. He complained that most literature on sex education is written in a "polite and accepted" way.

"Often kids don't understand words like 'fellatio.' If they said 'blow job' kids might understand better," he said.

AIDS education is filtered and based on the assumption that all high school kids are heterosexual, he added.

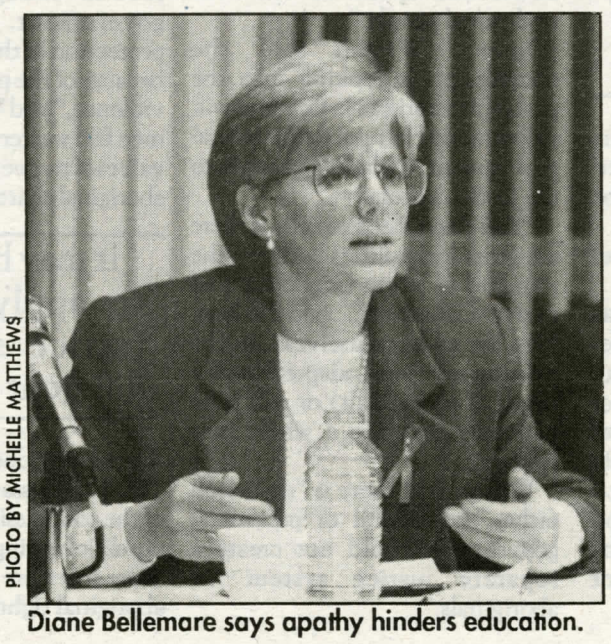

PHOTO BY MICHELLE MATTHEWS

Diane Bellemare says apathy hinders education.

The discussion covered many topics, ranging from AIDS and HIV education to mandatory testing.

Kathryn Roston, executive director of the Centre for AIDS Services Montreal (CSAM), said HIV-infected women often feel very isolated because of misconceptions about women with AIDS.

"We as a community must stop judging women who are HIV-infected. They are categorized as being prostitutes, drug users, or Haitians," she said. "(But) women who have been married for years have AIDS."

Rosten said women often have trouble talking about having AIDS because of their tendency to deal with crises privately.

Diane Bellemare of Concordia's Health Services said apathy hinders AIDS awareness.

"AIDS is not seen as an issue that is related to all faculties. It's hard for some professors to give up an hour of their class for the purposes of AIDS education," she said.

Joanne Filion, an AIDS social worker with Projet Acces, said people living with AIDS need lots of support.

"People with AIDS in the symptomatic phase need to be supported psychologically and physically," she said. "The person is conscious of death, and this is very tiring on the psyche. They need a big support system to deal with this."

Filion said many people with AIDS prefer to keep the syndrome a secret and their loved ones also need support in dealing with the secrecy.

Rough justice for sex assault victims

BY JENNIFER BOL

OTTAWA (CUP)—"The preliminary (hearing) was probably one of the worst ordeals I've ever been through in my life," said Jeanette. "My life was an open book to that court."

Jeanette, who didn't want her last name used, is a survivor of sexual assault and taking her case to court in October was almost as horrible as the attack itself.

She said they dragged her through everything from her ex-husband's custody of her children to her addiction to prescription drugs. Jeanette's attacker pleaded guilty at the end of the preliminary hearing. She said she could never have handled going to trial.

"The court system can sometimes be another perpetrator," said Jeanette. "It taught me you can't always trust the justice system."

"A lot of victims don't have a lot of faith in the system," said Louise Shaughnessy of the National Association of Women and the Law. "We're always hearing stories about people who've been burned by the system."

The new rape shield law has helped by disallowing a woman's past sexual history as evidence. But defence lawyers still do everything possible to destroy the witness's character.

A 1988 article in Lawyer's Weekly called "Whack the Sexual Assault Complainant" gave advice on defending sexual assault charges.

Character destruction is often made easier by the lack of credibility given to female witnesses by an overwhelmingly male judiciary. Some women are only interviewed by the lawyer representing them just prior to the trial and some are never interviewed at all, which belittles their experience.

"There's always a problem with credibility (for female witnesses). I don't think it's a surprise to anybody that the system is quite male-biased," said Shaughnessy.

Patricia de Villiers, whose 19-year-old daughter Nina was abducted and murdered in Burlington in 1991, has seen that lack of credibility too. Her daughter's suspected killer, Jonathon Yeo, sexually assaulted a woman using a gun months before Nina was murdered. Despite witnesses, the first thing the police did was to investigate the complainant to see if she was mentally ill. And Yeo got out on $3,000 bail and a curfew. His gun was never taken away.

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It is also still widely believed, even by victims, that they are somehow to blame when they are sexually assaulted and that family violence is a private matter.

"Up until recently, I think police didn't really take it (family violence) very seriously," said Shaughnessy. But in the last few years that has started to change.

Between 1982 and 1988 the number of reported assaults jumped 127 per cent. But Statistics Canada surveys reveal that only one-third of violent assaults are ever reported. Victims say the main reasons for not reporting an assault are fear of the assailant, aversion to police involvement and feeling the system can't help them.

Aside from the trauma of the court experience, many women don't want to face their assailant.

Nina de Villiers' suspected killer shot himself when cornered by police in Hamilton and her mother testified at the inquest into his death.

"I know what a victim feels like going through the courts," said de Villiers. "It's unbelievable what it does to you." She said she realizes she was only facing Yeo's family and that it's much more difficult for women facing their attackers.

The courts do little to protect women who testify against their assailants. "A lot of people are afraid for their own safety. Many women don't want to take their cases to court because they are afraid the assailant will seek revenge," said Shaughnessy.

"I think that's a really big problem for women, especially for women who are battered by their husbands."

Jeanette's case took six months to get to court and she said her attacker was out on bail most of that time. "Since I found out he was free, I wasn't sleeping, I wasn't eating," she said.

A number of people have started calling for stiffer penalties for violent offenders because they feel it is too easy for them to get released and attack again.

Most sex offenders are repeat offenders. A study of 411 sex offenders found, including nuisance and low-level assault, each attempted an average of 581 crimes on 336 victims. Most assaults, however, are not reported, and an offender who has assaulted many times may get a lenient sentence as a first time offender.

The maximum sentence for what courts consider the worst form of assault, aggravated assault causing disfigurement, is 14 years, but for most cases, especially of family violence, the sentences are light. The Elizabeth Fry Society in Prince George did a random sample of 22 cases of family violence and found not one received a stiffer penalty than a $100 fine.

"Men who refuse to stop being violent should be subjected to progressively stiffer penalties," the Elizabeth Fry Society said in a report. Increased prison terms, however, will only be effective if combined with better treatment programs.

A few cases of blatant sexism by judges in the courtroom create a media stir from time to time. In January 1989, a Quebec judge said in court "rules, like women, are made to be violated."

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And in a recent B.C. Supreme Court case the judge found there was not enough evidence in a case to support lack of consent. He commented the mating practice was not a precise relationship and sometimes when women say no, "no may mean maybe or wait awhile."

But overt sexism is a relatively small problem. Hidden attitudes and the systemic problems are the real challenge. To its credit, the justice system is responding to criticism, but slowly.

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The National Judicial Institute in Ottawa opened in 1988 to provide continuing education for judges and a third of its courses are on sensitivity issues such as gender and race. In 1990, it produced a teaching video on gender equality, which is given to every new judicial appointee and has been seen by an estimated 60 per cent of Canada's practicing judges.

More women and minorities are being encouraged to enter the field of law and many are beginning to recognize the system does not always reflect the realities of non-white, non-males.

One of the biggest advances for women was the 1990 landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Canada recognizing "battered wife syndrome." For the first time, the justice system acknowledged women who are abused may respond very differently than men. Instead of defending themselves at the time of the attack, they wait until they know it is safe, such as when their partner is sleeping to retaliate.

But for women like Patricia de Villiers and Jeanette, not enough is being done.

"It's getting to the point where victims aren't taking it any more," said Jeanette. "I think the courts have to start taking victims rights into consideration."

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A multitude of music mixes 4 the masses!

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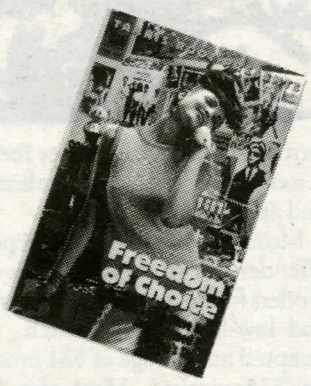

Various artists
Freedom Of Choice
Caroline

If you liked those new wave hits of the 80s and you like the groups **Sonic Youth**, **Mudhoney**, and **SuperChunk**, then this album is for you. Released to raise money for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the album revitalizes and—in **Sonic Youth**'s cover of *Ça plane pour moi*—changes songs for the better. Sagging in some places, overall it provides entertaining listening.

Jellyfish
Spilt Milk
Virgin

Their latest effort sounds distinctly like **Queen** with a slightly more skewed sound. At many points in the album they seem to improvise—not always to the song's benefit. Like the kid pouting on the jacket, this album is a sad little princess.

Devon
Keep It Slammin' - the Remixes

Five versions of one tune. From *Luv and Q's Hip Hop Mix* to the *Sexin' Mix*. The best one here is *Derek's Club Mix*. If you never liked the song to begin with, there's no point in purchasing five versions of it.

BY MARVIN MATTHEWS

Tasmin Archer
Great Expectations
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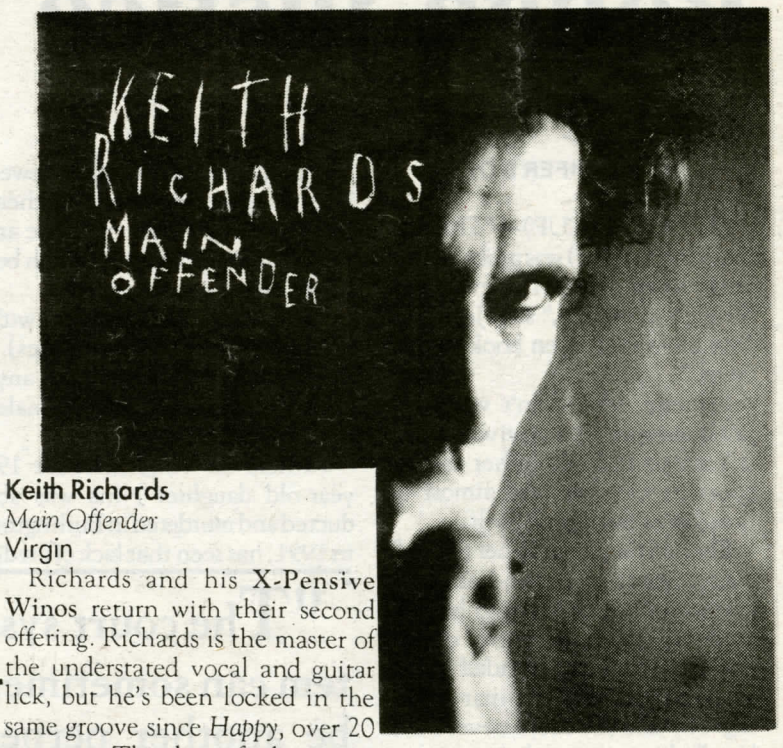
From the long line of literate British performers comes Tasmin Archer. Surrounded by a cast of stellar musicians, buoyed by inventive lyrics and fascinating melodies, Archer comes out strong on her debut disc. Caution: For lovers of pop music only.



Keith Richards
Main Offender
Virgin

Richards and his **X-Pensive Winos** return with their second offering. Richards is the master of the understated vocal and guitar lick, but he's been locked in the same groove since *Happy*, over 20 years ago. This disc is for long time fans only.

Link staff meetings every Friday at 4:30pm.
Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
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This band is a hard Cell

Jersey band brings the noise

BY CHRIS HOWLETT

Swifter than a sack of protoplasm, **Cell** will rock hard when they splatter into town this weekend. Hailing from New Jersey, the band plays a ferociously heavy duty style of rock'n'roll, which, while short on originality, is long on enthusiasm.

Speaking with singer/guitarist Jerry Dirienzo stationed in a Minneapolis hotel room last week, we talked about touring and the rock life.

How long have you been on the road?

"We've been touring for about 5 weeks now, and this leg ends the 27th. Then we're off to Europe. The shows have had their high and low points so far. The Baltimore show wasn't one of our greatest, but as we went down south, around Texas, things really began to pick up. We did some great shows down there. Vancouver was great, too. We played with a band called **Mystery Machine**, I think they were from around there, and we had a blast."

Do you have a lot of experience with the whole touring thing?

"We're still pretty new to the touring thing, but we've had a lot of experience touring with **Sonic Youth**. We did some pretty big shows with them out in L.A. Of course it's natural that those shows were huge, since the **Youth** has such a huge following everywhere they go. We kinda prefer smaller places to play, but it's great touring with them. They have this sort of extended family they can bring along and surround themselves with, so it's cool backstage."

So what's it like on the road?

"In general, touring can be pretty tough, y'know, it's pretty hard to get up and party all the time. If you try, you just end up dead for the next night's show. One time in Houston we were really tired, and we'd passed out until just before we went onstage. We had a pretty slow start, but the show eventually went off allright. It was kinda surreal, though. I wouldn't want to do that again."

Have you any expectations of Montreal?

"We don't really know much about Montreal, but we've heard it's a good time to be there right now. Haven't heard much about the music scene, but the people there seem to be interested. I expect we'll put on a wild show, with whoever the other band is. These shows can get pretty intense, though, way more than what you hear on the album."

Zowee!

Cell, opening for **Change of Heart** at the Jailhouse, March 20.

Alex Marginianu's name was omitted from this photo in Tuesday's issue of the Link (Vol. 13, No. 36). The Link regrets the error.

Civic Visions explores perfect polis past

BY LEE SUE SIM

World's fairs are dream cities that come and go. Appearing on any continent for several months, they become teeming sites of commerce, speculative futurism and peaceful universality - and then become either completely dismantled or instant ruins.

Ben Portis curated *Civic Visions/ World's Fairs* to bring attention to "the relationship of the fair to its host city," and their lasting legacy to site planning.

Drawing from the Canadian Centre for Architecture's archives, the exhibition displays souvenirs and planning documents from seven world's fairs dating between 1851 and 1967. The eclectic mix - including proposal maquettes, peep show boxes and Expo 67 Dow Beer bottle caps - conveys the modern utopian spirit which surrounded the fairs.

Portis explains that the fairs were divided into three stages of city-expostion development: the fair as symbol of the nation, which were "co-identified" with the host city; the fair as declartion of the cities' arrival to prominence; and the fair as the city of the future. But Portis added, "The issue of site planning was overemphasized in the curatorial statement."

Since writing the statement, Portis finds his selections — which are intimate and popular images once carried away by the fair-goers — were fundamental in establishing in the popular imagination propositions for the modern city. These visions — evolving from rigidly defined park spaces, to free plans, to the automobile defined metropolitans — later defined the city and its people.

Albert Robida, who was a popular Parisian caricaturist, presented a proposal for the Paris Universal Exposition of 1900. His proposal was a protest to the massive revamping of Paris by Haussmann 20 years earlier.

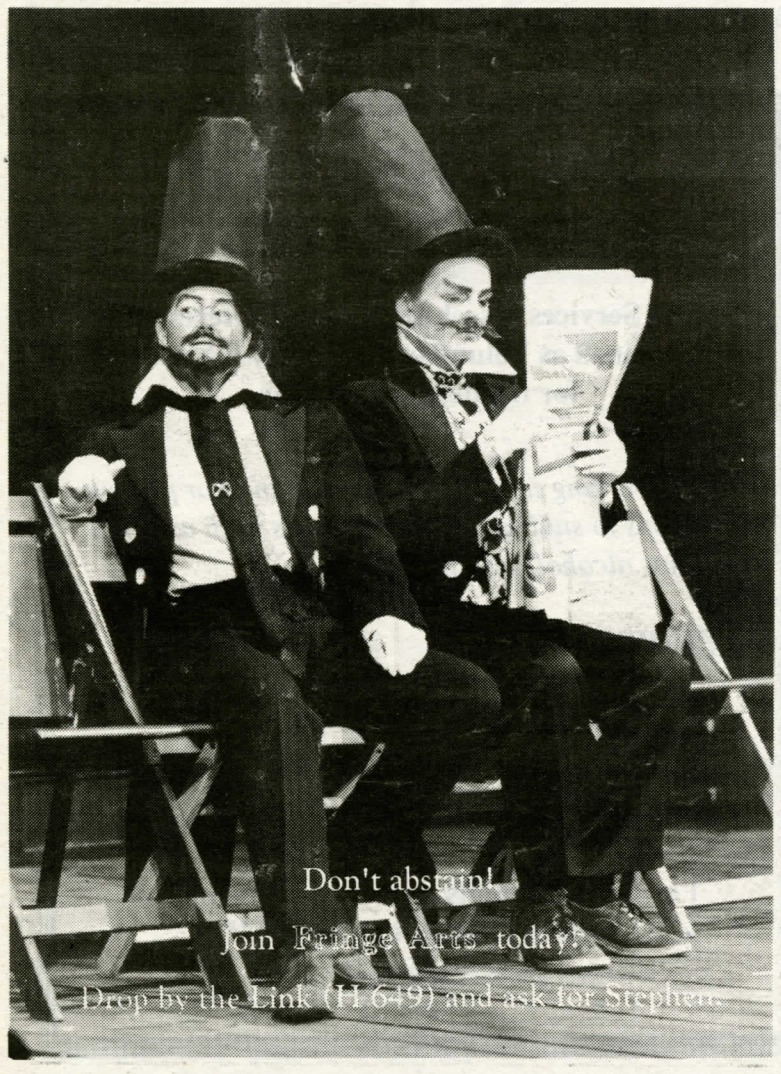
One of his large drawings is the centrepiece to the exhibition. It emphasizes a repeal of Haussmann's destruction of Paris' architectural heritage and calls for the establishment of an old Paris village on the fairground. Robida's drawing demonstrates the effect site planning had on the growth of the city. The smaller objects in the show, Portis says, "distill a personal sense of awe."

The show staying within the optimistic sphere typical of world's fairs and not addressing the greater social context in which site planning was effecting the cityscape tends to be - on one hand - intellectually claustrophobic. The years spanned by the show witness the Franco-Prussian War, the World Wars and the rise of fascism which all had impacts on urban planning.

On the other hand, Portis' sensitivy to the materials result in a strong, nostalgic reminder of the potential of the polis and the quality of life which can be acheived. Visually evocative, the show is exuberant and hopeful.

***Civic Visions, World's Fairs** at the Canadian Centre for Architecture., 1920, rue Baile. March 17 to August 8.*

E. Le Deley's photo of the Paris 1900 Exposition universelle. Topdetail: New York 1939 World's Fair.



No shelter from the storm

Student films look at AIDS and the homeless

BY STEPHEN SMEGELSKI

Three films dealing with AIDS and the homeless will be making their theatrical premieres next week at the Cinéma Parallele. What makes these films particularily interesting is that they were all shot by student filmmakers from three Montreal universities.

Vivre A Mort by Lina B. Moreco focuses on four men in their 30s as they talk about their lives on the streets, their drug addictions and the harsh realities of living with AIDS. Moreco — a graduate of Concordia's Film Production program — takes a straightforward, if somewhat awkwardly poetic, approach to her subjects. She lets them do all the speaking as she shows them in their usual hang-out spots.

Pour L'Amour de Salomé is directed by UQAM Communications graduate Hugo Brochu. Brochu's film looks at an HIV-positive woman named Martine. Without a permanent home, Martine spends much of her time working as a prostitute to ensure she has somewhere to sleep. She is also schizophrenic which has made her survival all the more difficult.

The third film, *J'Me Sus Poussée. Faut Que J'Me Sauve...*, was directed by Université de Montréal Film Studies graduate Stéphanie Hénault. The film's subject is a young woman named Dab who spends most of her time hanging out with the punk crowd at Foufounes Electriques. Accompanied by her friend Caline and her pet rat, Dab talks about life on the street and having to live with AIDS at such a young age.

All three films were originally broadcast on Radio-Québec last November as part of a special program on AIDS and homelessness. Moreco's *Vivre A Mort* won two awards in the *Course documentaire sur le sida dans le milieu des itinérants* including Best Direction.

What sets these films apart from a lot of other films on AIDS is the simplicity and directness in approach that the filmmakers take. They let the subjects do the talking, seldom imposing their own voices except to ask the occassional question.

All three filmmakers do a commendable job in dealing with their subjects. While the subjects could have gone deeper into the specific problems linked to AIDS through homelessness, their recounting of their daily living problems becomes gripping, putting a human face on what is generally a statistic.

***Films about AIDS and the homeless**, presented by Cinéma Libre, at the Cinéma Parallele (3682 St-Laurent) from March 26-28 at 7pm. There is a matinee screening Sun., March 28 at 1pm. Info.: 843-6001.*

"Granny" wants women's political party

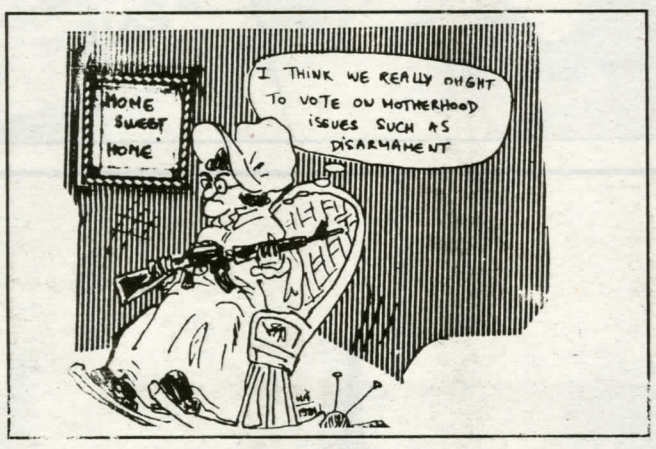
Calling herself a "raging granny", Danielle Dion encouraged a group of 24 women to begin the long process of starting a new federal political party with women representatives speaking for the people.

Over the past 50 years Dion has held memberships in many political parties which have not met her needs. Dion is also visibly fustrated with what she calls the "malestream" political parties of today.

"Women for the people" started in October 1992 with three women getting together on Tuesday nights to discuss their ideas for a new party.

Their goal is to encourage more women to become involved in the political process and to prevent the continued deterioration of our society, economy and of the democratic system.

Many issues, including single mothers, voiceless people, tokenism, native issues and marginalization of people of colour were discussed at the Tuesday meeting.



The group hopes to have representatives positioned across Canada within the next four years.

Women who would like to be a part of the group for a new political party can write:

Women for People
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—Barb Dawson

McGill Daily besieged

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and of Jewish people."

The editors said they regretted not having any material on anti-semitism in the issue and promised to put out a special issue on anti-semitism with the help of the Jewish Students Coalition.

However, the editors said they were not prepared to end criticism of Israel "or indeed any Nation State."

"We are also not prepared to condemn the continuing provision in the Daily of a voice for Palestinians and others concerned with human rights in Palestine, Israel and the Occupied Territories," the apology says.

But some Jewish students are not satisfied with the apology.

"The apology is insufficient," said Howard Liebman of B'nai Brith Hillel. "It does not cover the fundamental problems with this article.

"Ironically, this blatantly racist attack on Zionism was put in an anti-racism issue."

Liebman said Jewish groups have submitted opinion pieces and letters to the Daily in the past but the paper refused to run them because of its "pro-Palestinian slant."

But Robins said, "We run all the letters that are submitted as they come in—which is pretty sporadic."

The demonstrators were divided on the reasons they were there.

"If we're racist because we defend Jews who are in danger, then of course we're racist," said Rabbi Sidney Schoham of the Beth Zion congregation.

But the president of the Progressive Zionists Caucus at McGill said Schoham's views did not represent those of everyone there.

"It's an issue of insensitivity, of the mischaracterization of a large group of people," said Jonathan Glick. "The McGill Daily doesn't consider the Jewish people's voice. It hurts and further divides the Jewish and Palestinian peoples.

"We need to be constructive and work towards a better relationship between our people."

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On **Friday**, the **26th** of **March** (**4:30 pm**, room **H-649**) all those who have worked on six issues or more will have achieved staff status and are eligible to vote in **the Link's** EDITORIAL ELECTIONS. **(All staffers who are eligible to vote are also eligible to run for editorial positions.)**

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